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In re Application

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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Smith:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2006 (Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment), please enter the following amendments (which include a complete listing of the text of all withdrawn claims) and consider the following remarks.

The shortened statutory response date to the Office Action dated May 19, 2006, has expired. Applicants wish to extend the time for such response one month. The due date for response would then be July 19, 2006. Please charge the fee of \$120.00 for said extension to Deposit Account No. 03-2270 (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2)). Please charge any additional fees, and credit any over payments, to said Deposit Account

*AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS* begin on page 2 of this paper.

*REMARKS* begin on page 17 of this paper.